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**The Eight Page Star**  
To-morrow will be an interesting number. Advertisers and news dealers will please send in their orders as usual, at the earliest practicable moment. The orders of news dealers alone on Saturday last exceeded the daily circulation of any other Washington paper, and to this may be added the increased circulation of THE STAR by carriers throughout the District. The advertisements for February—the fullest month of the year—reach \$546 for the ten publication days, being more for that time than all the other papers in the city added together print in a month.

**Necessity for School Buildings.**  
The urgent necessity for additional and better school buildings has been represented by the school authorities year after year, and so far with little avail. At the present time out of a total of 368 school-rooms occupied, 120 are rented, and we have the authority not only of the school officers but also of the health officer of the District for stating that a majority of them are ill-adapted, and a large number are totally unfit to be occupied by school-children. With less than one-third of the school-rooms in the District, and our school-children during the present year, or about 9,000 children, are compelled to attend school in these rented buildings or go uneducated.

Looked at from a financial point of view the following state of facts to exist:—The Commissioners have asked for \$25,000 to pay for the rent of these school buildings for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931, and \$20,000 for repairs—a considerable portion of which is to be expended in fitting up, and putting and keeping in order these rented buildings. Notwithstanding this, we understand that the estimate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931, for new school buildings—indicating that matters will rapidly go on from bad to worse. We think this is a mistaken policy, and that a good appropriation should be made annually, out of the District funds for school buildings; and we are glad to see that at least one of the legislators for the District of Columbia holds and has expressed the same views. In a recent debate in the House of Representatives on the bill for the construction of a bridge across the Potomac river, the Hon. Mr. Cobb, of Indiana, said: "I call the attention of gentlemen to the fact that today the District of Columbia is spending \$25,000 a year for public school buildings, and at the same time, the superintendent of public instruction tells me that these school buildings are, many of them, totally unfit for children of the District to be taught in. Now, if we have \$25,000 a year for rent for buildings for school purposes in this District, I ask how much money ought to be appropriated for the building of school-houses here? Would it not be well for this House to consider whether we ought not to build school-houses, and whether the necessity for building school-houses for the education of the children of this District is not ten-fold greater than the necessity for the construction of a bridge across the Potomac river when there are already facilities for crossing that river? It is better that for a few years they should pay pretty high tolls than that the children of this District should go without a school." It is better that for a few years they should pay pretty high tolls than that the children of this District should go without a school. It is better that for a few years they should pay pretty high tolls than that the children of this District should go without a school.

Washington is able to present so many inducements and attractions that it has come to be the most popular point in the country for the meeting place of national associations and organizations. The exceptions have been the national political conventions, which so far have met elsewhere than at the national capital. From various causes the expenses of national conventions have not been satisfactory in the case of scarcely any city where they have been held, and there is now a disposition manifest to listen favorably to the claims of Washington as the meeting place. Among the advantages presented by this city are abundant hotel and boarding-houses, accommodations, genial climate, suited to visitors from all parts of the country; a variety of objects of interest and attraction to make a visit here agreeable; a relief from the pressure of a local lobby, a relief from a local presidential candidate, and a hearty disposition on the part of our citizens to make the experiment of holding a national party convention here so satisfactory and successful, that Washington shall come to be the recognized place of holding such conventions in the future.

The well-circulated rumor of a difference of opinion between the President and Secretary Evans as to what ought to be done in regard to the subject of inter-oceanic communication is a sensational-loving concoction. The President, it is said, will avail himself of the opportunity offered by the House resolution calling for information, to send to Congress a message of the inter-oceanic subject and his views will be in harmony with those of the Secretary of State. There is no lack of schemes or of persons to whom the President is expected to listen, but the lobby is already becoming very familiar with discussions upon the inter-oceanic question, and the backers of each and every plan are anxious to have official approval. Next to such approval some of them desire the name of having it, and therefore various rumors are kept afloat. The President, without doubt, avails a policy that will protect American interests and American rights.

One of the arguments being used in behalf of Cincinnati as the place for holding the next national democratic convention is that the late democratic president who was elected was nominated in that city. This was in 1896, and Buchanan was the nominee. The advocates of Cincinnati claim that the man that city nominated was elected by the vote of the city. Cincinnati responds, "That's all right." While the quarrel between these two rival cities progresses Washington stands ready to catch the plum.

In a published letter explaining his bill to reimburse the colored depositors of the Freedmen's bank for their losses by the collapse of that institution Representative O'Connor, of Louisiana, says that less than a million dollars will be paid to the colored people after paying out the assets of the bank. He is not that as the name of the government was used to induce depositors to confide their money to the bank, it is the duty of the government to make good the losses sustained by those depositors.

Chief Justice Waite went to New Orleans to witness the Mardi-Gras carnival, and he has been awarded what the participants in the festivities consider a high honor. He was waited upon by the King of the Carnival, and his Lord High Chamberlain, and he was awarded a patent of nobility as "Duke of Justice."

## BENEFIT DAY FOR OLD IRELAND.

TUESDAY, Feb. 19th.  
The entire receipts of the Imperial Hotel Billiard Hall, will be introduced for the first time in this city Taylor's Patent Ivory Type Type.  
Feb. 19-21 JAS. S. FIERCE, Proprietor.

## A CARD.

At BARLOW'S GALLERY can be seen rare specimens of C. W. ROEHLER & CO.'s Carving for Furniture. Original Kensington. Needlework by ELLEN ROBINSON, and English and French specimens of the new patterns of Paper-hangings from the celebrated house of J. J. DUNSTON, London.  
The public are respectfully invited to call and see them from 11 o'clock a.m. to 1 o'clock p.m. Feb. 13-21 a few days.

## GEO. A. O'HARE.

1213 7th st. n.w., between M and N.  
Successor to

C. S. O'HARE & SON,  
SELLS

5 gallons good MOLASSES.....\$1.00  
1 lb. best N. Y. BUTTER......25  
2 cans good SUGAR CORN.....25  
1 package BREAKFAST HOMINY.....15  
1 pound FINEST CREAM CANDY.....15  
1 dozen FINEST CREAM CANDY.....15  
1 can HUCKLEBERRY TOMATO SOUP.....15  
1 lb. very best SWEET CORN MEAL.....15  
1 lb. nice FAMILY FLOUR.....1.90

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WANTED—TWO GOOD WAITERS, at BENZ'S Restaurant, 212 F St. n.w. Will rent for \$5.00 per month. Apply at No. 414 9th st. n.w. Feb. 13-21

WANTED—A WHITE WOMAN to cook, wash and iron. Apply at No. 414 9th st. n.w. Feb. 13-21

WANTED—A GIRL to work in pantry. Apply at 6th and Pa. ave. n.w. Feb. 13-21

WANTED—A Working Housekeeper, middle-aged, if possible, in a small family, where the work is light. Good reference required. Address Box 24, Star office. Feb. 13-21

WANTED—To rent, by the first of March, a brick building, 100 to 150 ft. long, must have water and well ventilated. Address Box 33, Star office. Feb. 13-21

WANTED—By a respectable white girl, a SITUATION to cook, wash and iron, and do general housework; city or country; reference. Address Box 11, Star office. Feb. 13-21

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